

Fraternity 'Taps' Police Radioman

Evansville Police Sergt. Emmett Donald Cox, a ham radio operator, has been awarded membership in the DX Century Club, society of amateur radio operators.

Cox, a radio operator at the police station, received the membership for making two-way contacts with at least 100 countries and colonies in the world. He has been operating the radio in his home, 2912 Madison, for the last 10 years, and worked on the short-wave contacts since September.

Using call letters "W9LXW" he talks regularly with "ham" associates all over the world—a fraternity of 250,000 men and women. Cox's hobby interested him in police radio operations, which he began seven years ago.

Ham Radio Course Offered at Central

How to become an amateur radio operator is the subject of a night school course being offered at Central High School.

Registration is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in Room 155, says Everett Smith, night school director, who figures on taking the course himself.

You don't have to know anything about radio or electricity to get in the class. John Clemens, laboratory engineer for Electronics Research, will instruct.

The class also is open to high school students who can get the written permission of the principals.

The one-semester course will be followed by examinations for a license. In fact, he'll give examinations at the end of the semester.

Registration fee is \$5.

School for New 'Hams' Starting Tuesday

Fay Gehres of Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company, will be instructor for a four-months school for potential radio "hams."

The school, sponsored by the Tri-State Amateur Radio Society, will start at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Center.

Radio Society Plans School for Amateurs

Tri-State Amateur Radio Society will conduct a school for potential amateur radio operators in the Community Center.

The school will be held on consecutive Tuesdays, starting Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. It will last approximately four months.

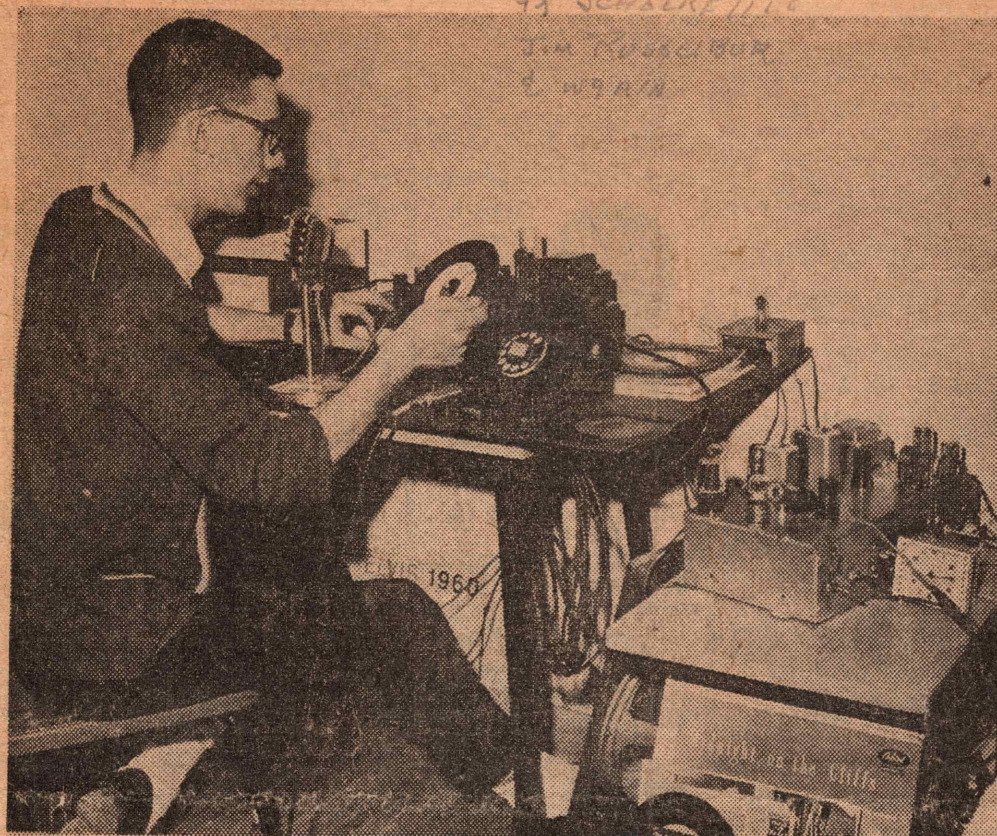
Fay Gehres, of Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Co., will be in charge.

Interested persons are to attend the first class session.

THREE EVANSVILLE division readers are the subject of an article in the current issue of the L. & N. Magazine titled "Hamming is Fun."

All three men are amateur radio operators, who by experience have assumed professional status. They are Assistant Division Superintendent J. T. Maddox, 18 Oak-st, (K9GOE); Traveling Engineer J. W. Planque, Donaldson Arms, (W9LVL), and Assistant Signal Supervisor D. F. Crook, Robards, Ky. (KN4MPY).

Radio Station Operates In Bedroom On Somewhat Indifferent Schedule



Rex Mundi Junior Serves 2-Mile Area

By SUZANNE SIEMS
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Small red letters taped to the outside of Ralph Turpen's bedroom door announce that you are entering the studios of radio station WRIX.

Behind the door you may hear sounds of music and a smooth voice giving a station break. It probably will be instrumental music because that's the kind Ralph prefers.

You will step inside to find a room 8-by-10 feet. Since it is used part time as a bedroom, it contains the usual bed and chest-of-drawers.

The rest of the room is taken up pretty well with electrical equipment—everything that is needed to put WRIX on the air.

Ralph, a junior at Rex Mundi High School, is the sole owner and operator of station WRIX, which broadcasts daily on a somewhat indefinite schedule.

RALPH, WHO lives at 4804 First Avenue, said his station mostly serves the North Park area, but may be heard as far away as four miles some nights. The normal radius is about two miles.

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WRIX Spinner: Ralph Turpen, Rex Mundi junior, gets set to spin a new one in his one-man operation of radio station WRIX. The station's studios are located in his bedroom and the antenna is mounted on the garage in back of his house. The station's broadcast area is mostly North Park, although occasionally it reaches four miles.